

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1655
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TELEPHONE CONSUMERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of telephone consumers has increased after efforts of Government to bring revolution in communication sector especially in Tele-Communications in the country;
- (b) if so, the percentage of telephone consumers in the country at the end of September, 2001, state-wise;
- (c) whether this percentage is different in each State of the country; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for such difference in the percentages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The state-wise percentage of telephone consumers in the country at the end of September, 2001 is given in the Annexure.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The reasons for the difference in the percentage is due to the following factors:
 - (i) Affordability by the people,
 - (ii) Uneven population density and
 - (iii) Business and commercial interests etc.

Annexure

STATE - WISE TELE - DENSITY AS ON 30.09.2001

SL.No. STATE TELE - DENSITY

1	Andaman & Nicobar	8.69
2	Andhra Pradesh	4.31
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.81
4	Assam	1.49
5	Bihar	0.85
6	Chhattisgarh	1.12
7	Delhi	19.66
8	Goa	12.01
9	Gujarat	5.61
10	Haryana	4.36
11	Himachal Pradesh	6.5
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1.9
13	Jharkhand	1.19
14	Karnataka	5.01
15	Kerala	8.08
16	Madhya Pradesh	2.18
17	Maharashtra	6.67
18	Manipur	1.26

19	Meghalaya	2.09
20	Mizoram	4.4
21	Nagaland	1.75
22	Orissa	1.62
23	Punjab	7.45
24	Rajasthan	2.62
25	Sikkim	5.14
26	Tamilnadu	6.31
27	Tripura	1.9
28	Uttar Pradesh	1.64
29	Uttaranchal	3.25
30	West Bengal	2.53

Note:- Status in Respect of Fixed Telephone Connections and Cell Phones provided by Private Operators for Circles Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and NE II are included in Bihar, MP,UP, West Bengal and NE I respectively.